## **Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force**

July 1, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Dahman, Johnson, Lee-Goodman, Malik

Absent: McDonell, Tyler Staff Liaison: Kuhnke Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

## II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

**III. Public Comments:** There was one visitor who did not speak.

### IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

Melissa Applebee, Marina High School HRTF representative reported that the first "Be-YOU-tiful Conference" held at Golden West College on May 24, 2014 was a success with approximately 60-70 participants. There were various workshops and key note speakers, as well as hands-on activities. Participants received a portfolio of the day to take home with them and almost all attendees participated in the sharing activity at the end of the conference. Applebee will provide the link information for the conference.

### V. Approve Minutes:

Motion to approve June 3, 2014 minutes as presented. Moved: Knowles; Seconded: Johnson, Yes: (7), No: (0); Absent (McDonell, Tyler). Motion passed.

### VI. Status Reports:

#### 1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Winks reported that there were no new hate crimes in June. The graffiti incidents that occurred at Brethren Christina have stopped; most likely due to the increased patrol in the area. Additionally Sgt. Winks briefed the HRTF on an investigation that the Police Department regarding a transgender female who was allegedly assaulted and raped. The alleged victim did not want to cooperate with the investigation. A suspect could not be identified and the case is closed.

### 2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

Garrick reported that the CC does not meet during the summer months.

### 3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities

Malik reported that the OC Human Relations would be holding an event at the Second Baptist Church on July 2, 2014 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. Malik also advised annual report. Following the presentation, Councilmember Sullivan had several questions for the presenters regarding a graffiti incident that occurred at St. Bonaventure during December 2012.

### 4. HB Reads 2014 News/ Activities

Dagley reported that books are being read by the committee. If anyone has a book suggestion, go to <a href="https://www.HBreads.org">www.HBreads.org</a> to submit a form.

## 5. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported the balance at \$2,372.87 which includes a \$500.00 donation from Hoag Hospital in support of expenses associated with the "Be-YOU-tiful" conference.

# VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

### 1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee:

Dagley noted a possible need for more funds based on the outcome of discussion in Item VIII.1.

### 2. Report form AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip Committee:

Lee-Goodman reported that the traveling display entitled "The Courage to Remember" Holocaust Exhibit will be on display at the Tustin Library from October 24, 2014 through November. Lee-Goodman suggested that this display would provide a good opportunity for local students who could not attend the Museum of Tolerance field trip due to scheduling issues. Garrick also reported that he will be assisting Westminster High School, Ocean View High School, and Valley Vista High School in applying for a Target grant for field trips next year. The deadline is July 15, 2014.

### 3. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick reported that there was no meeting in June 2014 due to the summer recess. Garrick and Johnson are working to schedule an ad hoc planning meeting before the new school year starts. Dagley also reported that Garrick will need to resign from his role as the HRTF member liaison with the student representatives and is looking for a new volunteer.

## 4. Report from Charter on Compassion Committee

Due to Tyler's absence, Garrick reported that the Compassion Games are scheduled for September 11 - 21. The meetings occur on the  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday of each month with the next meeting scheduled for July 10, 2014.

## 5. Follow up Research to Identify School Response to New Anti- Bullying Laws

Kuhnke distributed two hand-outs that McDonell had prepared regarding the statistical results that were reviewed at the June 3, 2014 meeting. Due the absence of McDonell, this item will be continued to the next meeting.

### VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

# 1. <u>Discussion of possible Anti-Bully Month activities, including banners.</u>

Due to the absence of McDonell, Dagley reported that McDonell was interested in promoting Anti-Bullying month in October by hanging a banner on Main Street. Dagley also reported that there are specifications for the banners as well as a hanging fee. Kuhnke will follow-up regarding whether this fee can be waived and Dagley will follow-up on the cost of producing the banner. Discussion was also had regarding what the banner would say and whether it could be generic enough to use annually. There was also discussion regarding potential activities in support of the banner.

# IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Garrick suggested that the homeless issue be an item of the Compassionate Cities committee. He also mentioned that the local clergy will be meeting about the issue. Dahman asked if a Facebook page could be created for the HRTF. The item will be added to the next agenda for further discussion. Knowles noted that he would be absent at the next meeting.

Adjournment at 8:25 pm to: August 5, 2014, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.